# TWO 9'S-FIRE CHIEF KILLED.

HE AND ANOTHER CAUGHT BY FALLING WALL IN MOTT ST.

Martin M. Coleman Warned His Men, Unable to Save Himself-Herrman Furniture Factory Destroyed-Paul Kelly and Other Gangs Loot Household Goods.

A "Two Nines" alarm was sent out over the fire alarm telegraph system last night for the first time since Chief Purroy got frightened at a small fire, on the West Side, about a year ago. It was sounded for a fire in the big H. Herrmann furniture factory in Mott street, between Broome

Battalion Chief Martin M. Coleman, one the newly appointed high officers of of the Fire Department, and Fireman several firemen and others were more or less hurt. The damage to property amounted to about \$500,000. The blaze lighted all the city within two miles of the factory, and when it was at its highest and Spring streets. flashes were observed as far north as the Central Park plaza at Fifty-ninth street. Conrad Wiedhoff, a watchman employed

by the Herrmanns, caught sight about 7:40 o'clock of a blaze on the third floor of the main factory-the northernmost of the 300foot row of buildings that made up the fac-He ran for the water buckets which were placed along the wall and yelled "fire' for all he was worth. Frank Hemstetter, another watchman, heard his shouts and rang the fire alarm box on the corner There had been another alarm sent in from the same building, which is equipped with automatic alarm apparatus, at 5:30 o'clock, a little over two hours before. The firemen who came in response to the first alarm found a chimney fire which they thought accounted for the setting off of the automatic alarm and within fifteen minutes reported, "Fire out; no damage."

The men of Engine 55, which is in Broome The men of Engine 55, which is in Broome street, not a block away from the Herrmann factory, found a very different state of affairs on their second arrival at the place. Fire was glowing behind the windows on the first, second and third floors of the big six story building at 190-94 Mott street, which is at the north end of the Herrmann works. Between this building and the one on the Broome street corner, which is also of six stories, was a four story building, not quite as deep as the two others and much older. Through the lower building are Through the lower building are rays leading to the back of the

main factory.

THE "TWO NINES."

Battalion Chief Langford took only about two minutes to survey before making up his mind that a fire distributed over three floors of a furniture factory, with its contents of small-cut, quick-burning woods and varnish, required the presence of more men than those who responded to the first alarm. At two minutes before 8 o'clock he sent a third alarm, bringing out pretty much all of his battalion. Seven minutes later he sent in a fourth alarm and at a quarter

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The engines and other apparatus brought by this alarm filled pretty nearly all the streets within four blocks of the fire. Acting Chief Kruger by this time felt that the fire demanded even more than the resources put at his disposal by the fifth alarm and sounded the "Two Nines."

The "Two Nines" is a signal sent out to all the fire houses in the city to prepare for an extraordinary order. Chief Kruger followed it with a call for all the engines which would respond to a three alarm call which would respond to a three alarm call at Box 492, which is at Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, to come down to Mott and Spring streets. With the arrival of this force there were thirty-six engine com-panies, twelve hook and ladder companies, two deputy chiefs and eight battalion

two deputy emers and eight battanon chiefs present to fight the fire. CHIEF CAUGHT UNDER FALLING WALL. Battalion Chief Coleman had gone down Battalion Chief Coleman had gone down nearly twenty minutes before. He had gone into the driveway through the four story building just south of the one where the fire started as soon as he reached the place after the fourth alarm. Chief Kruger had sent him with the men from Engine Companies 32 and 55, about eighteen in all, to get at the back of the fire, which at that time seemed from in front to be all in the

time seemed from in front to be all in the six story building.

Chief Coleman, aided by Acting Chief Norton, worked some fifty feet back through the smoke in the driveway. They climbed over a wagon in the dark and had a good eal of difficulty in getting the hose along

At the back of the building they found door through which furniture was loaded a door through the hard was knocked in and two lines of hose were carried in and directed against the furnace inside. Meantime it became apparent that the older building over their heads was also on fire. Coleman, standing a little further in than any one else, kept urging the men on. There was a sputter of sparks from above and a dropping of beams. Coleman

yelled a warning:
"Get back, everybody," he shouted.
"The wall's coming down."
Everybody jumped. Acting Foreman
Stickel, who was at Coleman's elbow, was knocked over by a beam. He scrambled a few feet toward the door and was hit by another beam, which fell across his boot. Some of his men grabbed him up, and he wriggled out of the boot and was dragged out to the street. There was at once a roll call of the two companies. At first it was thought that all the men but Coleman

yelled a warning:

FOUND ONLY THE CHIEF'S HAT.

Chaplain Smith, Fireman McQuade of Engine 32, and a squad of firemen ran into the driveway to look for the missing chief. They found his hat and a great heap of rubbish, under which he was presumably buried. There was another crash of débris from above, and they fell back, helpless. Within a few minutes the whole of the building through which they had retreated was as much of a furnace as was the six story building to the north.

James McAvoy, who was Chief Coleman's driver, heard of the accident just as the rescuers were being driven back. He dived into the fire, fighting like a wildcat, and had to be hauled back and held down by main force before he could be made to FOUND ONLY THE CHIEF'S HAT.

main force before he could be made to by main force before he could be hade to understand that the situation was hopeless. When he was at last made to understand that there was nothing to be done he sat down on a doorstep and sobbed, while the other men went back to their pipe lines.

CHIEF HAD KISSED CHILDREN GOOD-BY.

MANNEY had been at the chief's head-McAvoy had been at the chief's head-quarters, in East Thirteenth street, near Fourth avenue, when the fourth alarm came in, the signal for Coleman to go with this battalion to the fire. Coleman was at that time at home at dinner with his three children, whose mother died about a year ago. When McAvoy knocked at the door and called him Coleman picked up the three children, one after another, and kissed them and went jumping downstairs, four them and went jumping downstairs, four steps at a time, shouting back that he wouldn't be gone long. It was the memory of this which kept coming back to McAvoy and made him oblivious to everything else that was going on.

JOYCE KILLED, OTHERS HURT. Later it was discovered that Fireman R. J. Joyce, who lived at 915 Lorimer street, Brooklyn, and who had been a fireman only ten days, was also missing. His name had been overlooked in the roll call.

Besides Assistant Foreman Stickler of Engine 55, Assistant Foreman Jones of Engine 32 was cut in the crash and Fireman Conway had his arm dislocated. All of

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these men insisted on sticking to it until the fire was over before allowing them-selves to be taken in hand by the ambu-

lance surgeons.

Meantime the big building and the low building south of it were spouting torrents of flame into the air. Great chunks of burning furniture and beam ends went

burning furniture and beam ends went blazing away over the housetops, and chunks of fire as big as a man's head fell on roofs many hundred feet away. A few of them dropped in the Bowery

A HARVEST FOR THIEVES.

Many occupants of tenements near the fire lost their savings. Just around the corner from the factory, on Mulberry street, is the headquarters of the Paul Kelly Association, and other smaller and less noted bands of thugs live in the neighborhood. Pickpockets from the Bowery and the East Side, thieves from Chatham Square and in fact from everywhere south of Fourteenth street, made their way to the fire and street, made their way to the fire and profited.

Mulberry street station were sent to clear nearby tenements. All the tenants were tumbling their household goods down the stairs in their excitement. The police were forced to draw their clubs and drive the people into the streets, at the same time making them leave all their belongings behind.

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A call for extra reserves was sent to Police Headquarters, but assistance came slowly.

The firemen were greatly hindered in their early work by the throngs in the streets. Even in the block of the fire for the first half hour women carrying babies stumbled over the hose lines, shrieking. Matters were made worse when the doors of the Columbia Stables, opposite the burning building, were opened and 120 truck horses ran into the street. Firemen and citizens alike grabbed the animals and rushed them into Broome street, from where rushed them into Broome street, from where

rushed them into Broome street, from where they were led through a mob to the old Centre Market Square. This was not accomplished until many persons had been jostled and knocked off their feet.

Borough Inspector Brooks reached the fire when it was at its worst, and he summoned the reserves of the sixteen precincts south of the Tenderloin district. There were in all about 800 cops on hand. This force soon cleared the streets of the crowds for three blocks on either side of the fire. for three blocks on either side of the fire But with this great force, augmented by a bunch of Central Office sleuths, the crooks a bunch of Central Office sleuths, the crooks kept up their work with success. A woman was held up by three men in a hallway on Mott street, north of Spring street, and her purse taken. She was roughly handled. Salvatore Russi, an old man living at 214 Canal street, was in the mob on Broome street when two young men jostled him and stole his watch and chain. The old fellow, however, grabbed hold of the thieves and yelled good and loud. His cries brought Policeman Frank Palmer of the Old Slip station, and he caught the men. They were taken around to the Mulberry street station, where they gave the names of Tony Fellori and Rafe Califano.

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The Mulberry street station was filled with gesticulating residents of the tenements, who had lost everything from children to pet cats and valuables. Many of those driven from their homes rushed to the

those driven from their nomes rushed to the station house for shelter.

In the midst of this rush the sergeant had to answer the telephone and give Police Commissioner Greene a detailed account of the fire. Third Deputy Davis went to the fire, but it was practically out when he got there. he got there. SOUTHERN BUILDING SAVED.

At 10:30 o'clock two water towers were still hurling columns of water into the Mott street windows of the factory and thirty lines of hose were playing from the roofs of the southernmost division of the factory and from the roofs and windows of the rear tenements and those on the north of the burning buildings. Mott street was a foot-deep river of water that was running down through the buildings.

From Fire Commissioner, Nicholas J. Heyes had a strong array of indorsements. He is the leader of the Thirty-third district and has been assistant city clerk since January, 1898. His appointment will make a vacancy to be filled by City Clerk Scully, himself a district leader. One of the dis-

From time to time during the fire there ere dull explosions in the basement and ub-basement. These were attributed to sub-basement. the igniting of gas formed by the super-

heated shavings. Chief Kruger and Capt. Howe of Engine 14 made an investigation which resulted in a guess on their part that the collapse of the wall was caused by an explosion of boilers in the cellar. The fire was under control at midnight. The fire did not get into the six story building at the south end of the block.

Just before midnight a photographer with a big camera planted his machine in Mott street and pointed it at the fire. Then he set off his flashlight. The explosion was

terrific.

It made such a racket that the firemen in the ruins dropped their lines of hose and ran out to the street. The firemen in the street, thinking that the explosion was in the burning building, ran away as fast as they could go. The crowd fled to nearby saloons.

The photographer and his assistant, both of whom got badly burned hands, gathered up their machine and ran away. It was lucky for them that they didn't wait, as the firemen were as angry as hornets when they learned what had really happened.

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SEARCHLIGHT NOT USED.
Conspicuous among the fire apparatus which were crowded into Mott street near the burning factory was the Croker search-light engine. Until last February this machine, devised by Chief Edward F. Croker and bearing his name, was much used during fires in narrrow and dark streets, so that firemen could see through the smoke and tell what work their streams were

and tell what work their streams were doing.

The Croker searchlight was not put into action last night. It has not shone, men in the department say, since last February, at about the time when Chief Croker was dismissed from the department and was supplanted by Chief Purroy, although it has gone to fires, as usual. The searchlight was used for the first time at 1:30 o'clock this morning. this morning.

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BATTALION CHIEF COLEMAN.

Battalion Chief Martin M. Coleman was appointed a fireman April 24, 1887. He was for eight years the driver of Hook and Ladder 8. At a fire in a boarding house in East Tenth street, near Fourth avenue, eight years ago, he did such brave and brilliant work as a life saver that he received the Bennett medal for that year. He became an assistant foreman in 1899 He became an assistant foreman in 1890 and a foreman in 1801. Last August he was appointed battalion chief and assigned to the Third Battalion.

CHIEF KRUGER'S STATEMENT.

Chief Kruger said at 1:30 o'clock this morning that he had watched the Herrmann plant for twenty years and had hoped to be there whenever it burned. The reason for sending in the "Two Nines," he said, was the danger to the tenements in the rear and the big corner building.

"I guess that the loss will be \$500,000," he said, "but that is only a guess."

Telling of Coleman's fate, the Chief said that he sent Coleman in on the ground floor and Acting Battalion Chief Norton on the floor above. CHIEF KRUGER'S STATEMENT.

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"I called Norton out when the fire got too hot," he said, "and told him to call out Coleman. Norton went in, but Coleman said he could hold his own. He had hardly reported when the crash came. Latest Marine Intelligence

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## FOUR M'CLELLAN HAS CHOSEN

CRAIN, TENEMENT HOUSE COM-MISSIONER; HAYES, FIRE.

Pat Keenan and Francis J. Lantry Get Their Old Jobs Back-No Announcement Yet About Police Department

-Places for Men Who Opposed Murphy. Mayor-elect McClellan announced four

appointments last night as follows: City Chamberlain-PATRICK KEENAN. Commissioner of Correction-FRANCIS J. LANTRY

Fire Commissioner—Nicholas J. Hates. Tenement House Commissioner—T. C. T. Chain. Of the thirty-two appointments outside of his office staff which the Mayor has, these, with that of John J. Delany for Corporation Counsel, heretofore announced, leave twenty-seven to be filled. Col. McClellan said he might make further

announcements on Wednesday. Three of these four appointees are Tammany district leaders, which explodes the report of a couple of weeks ago that leaders weren't to figure as department heads. Two appointees, Keenan and Lantry, held the same offices under Mayor Van Wyck Patrick Keenan is known to his multitude of admirers as the "grand old man" of Tammany, and in the recent municipal campaign District Attorney Jerome spoke of him as one of the fine old Irishmen in Tammany who had kept their skirts clean. He is the leader of the Sixteenth Assembly district, where he built a \$50,000 clubhouse known as the Jeffersonian Club. He is 66 years old and was born in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. His principal recreation is watching the horses at the racetrack. He is independently rich and a bachelor. His salary as Chamberlain will be \$12,000 a year. He succeeds Dr. E. R. L. Gould, who is Mayor Low's close personal friend and

principal political adviser. When John McQuade died a few months ago, leaving a vacancy in the office of treasurer of Tammany, Leader Murphy wanted

Pat Keenan to take the place, but he did not want to assume the work, so Frank A. O'Donnell was chosen. Francis J. Lantry is the leader of the Twenty-second district and a brother of Police Captain John J. Lantry of the Oak street station. He voted with John F. Carroll and seven other leaders on Sept. 19, 1962, against the election of Charles F. Murphy as chief of the wigwam. Mayor Murphy as chief of the wigwam. Mayor Van Wyck appointed him Commissioner of Correction, and Lantry had the confidence of Croker and the Carroll-Van Wyck element. His principal competitor for the office which Mayor-elect McClellan has now seturned to him was ex-Warden James J. returned to him was ex-Warden James J. Hagan of the Tombs, who defeated John B. Sexton for the leadership of the Nineteenth district in the last primaries. There was a bitter and a personal rivalry

between Lantry and Hagan because it was Lantry, acting as Commissioner of Correction, who removed Hagan from the wardenship of the Tombs when charges were brought against him of improper conduct. When Hagan appeared for trial he attacked the complainant in such language that Lantry took his official head off. Hagan made a most active fight for the appointment and went to Washington to press his claim on Col. McClellan. He has been turned down; for as T. C. T. Crain comes from the Nineteenth, too, that district cannot expect another commissionership. between Lantry and Hagan because it was

ship.

The appointment of Mr. Lantry was at the personal request of ex-Mayor Van Wyck and was the one thing he asked of the McClellan administration.

For Fire Commissioner, Nicholas J.

himself a district appointed applicants for a commissioner appointed applicants for a commissioner-ship will be taken care of there.

T. C. T. Crain, who is to succeed Robert
W. De Forest as Tenement House Com-missioner, has held office continuously
for a long term of years. He was City for a long term of years. He was City Chamberlain under Mayors Gilroy and

for a long term of years. He was City Chamberlain under Mayors Gilroy and Grant. He is now a Deputy Attorney-General at \$4,000 a year. He was chairman of the speakers' committee in the last campaign and presided at the Democratic city convention which named McClellan.

It was expected by many of the Tammany leaders that Col. McClellan would announce his Police Commissioner last night and that the man would be William McAdoo. When the appointment didn't come out they thought it might be significant that McAdoo wasn't to be the man. If the Mayor-elect has picked his police head very few of the district leaders know it. Earlier in the day the Mayor said that all the appointments he had decided on were the ones that he would give out last night. Others on a tentative slate may be shifted or dropped.

The opinion entertained by some Democrats of high place last night was that McAdoo was an alternative candidate to be named if another Democrat who had the offer under consideration decided not to take it. The braves looked with astonishment on the proposition to make Republican John McCullagh first deputy, and asked themselves what Big Tim Sullivan would think of that.

Big Tim, they commented, hadn't seen Leader Murphy or Col. McClellan much of late and wasn't being consulted on all appointments.

For Street Cleaning Commissioner Pat-

appointments.

For Street Cleaning Commissioner Patrick H. Keahon is an active candidate and he expects to be appointed. He is the leader of the Seventh district and was one of the nine who voted against Murphy's elevation to the leadership. His friends say he is the best judge of a workhorse in New York and that his experience as a rating contractor has equipped him to

in New York and that his experience as a carting contractor has equipped him to succeed Dr. Woodbury.

None of the other leaders who voted against Murphy is likely to get a place. They are Big Tom Foley, Patrick J. Ryder and Bernard F. Martin and James J. Martin. Sexton, Carroll and Nagle are no longer leaders. Maurice Featherson, leader of the Twenty-eighth, was not counted on as friendly to Murphy of late, yet he is looked upon as certain to be made Dook Commissioner, the office which carries the largest patronage. At the last election of sachems of the Tammany Society, Senator Featherson was left off the board by Leader Murphy's order.

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The Bridge Commissioner has not been picked. If a Brooklyn man gets the job it will be James H. Tully, who is Senator McCarren's personal friend. Over this appointment there is a contest between McCarren and Tammany. The Brooklyn leader says that the job belongs to Brooklyn, while certain influences want a Manhattan man named. Senator McCarren will agree to no one but Tully.

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John T. Oakley's friends were surprised that his appointment as Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity was not given out. He saw the Mayor yesterday morning at his house and it was understood that the appointment had been agreed to. It may come in the next batch.

William Hepburn Russell wants to be Commissioner of Accounts, and his name is on the tentative table for one of the two places. It is understood that a change has been made on the slate for Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn and that James D. Bell, not Isaac M. Kapper, will be the man. Michael J. Coffey, who wanted Kapper appointed, is said to have yielded to Senator McCarren.

It was learned last night that Comproller Grout has made a protest to Col. McClellan and to Corporation Counsel-elect Delany against a change in the supervisor of the City Record and that the protest has been overruled. Patrick S. Tracey, the Big 6 candidate for the place, lives in the Eigh-

teenth district, of which Charles F. Murphy is the leader and where Col. McClellan used to live. He wants the job, and is said to have stated that Mr. Murphy has promised it to him. Comptroller Grout will make an earnest fight to retain Charles S. Hervey, who was not there by the control of the control of

an earnest fight to retain Charles S. Hervey, who was put there by him.

"Tammany gave Comptroller Grout a silver service the other night, but it won't give him this job," said one of the leaders last night.

Charles H. Knox may go back to the chairmanship of the Civil Service Commission. James W. Gerard is said to be Col. McClellan's personal choice for Park Commissioner.

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Leader Murphy did not appear at Tammany Hall yesterday, nor did he call at Col. McClellan's house. Quite a number of candidates drifted across Washington Square to the McClellan house during the day. The Mayor-elect is far from settled. When he gave out his appointments last night it was in a drawing room which was being fitted with book shelves almost to the ceiling, while boxes of furniture, pictures and pricable froom. "Plenty of shelf room." "Plenty of shelf room," said a visitor. "Yes," said the Colonel; "plenty for books."

#### TAFT TO SEE THE MIKADO. Will Stop at Tokio on His Way Home-Celebrations in His Hener.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Dec. 21.—The Emperor of Japan deeply interested in the Philippines. He has expressed a desire to see Gov. Taft, and an audience has been arranged for Jan. 4 at Tokio, when Gov. Taft is returning to the United States. The steamer Gaelic has been delayed by heavy weather, and Gov. Taft will travel on the transport Ingalls to Hong Kong, where he will connect with the steamer Korea. He expects to arrive at San Francisco on Jan. 22.

Numerous clubs and other organizations in the United States have cabled invitations to him to attend banquets. Few of these have been accepted, owing to his desire to reach Washington as soon as pos-

The Chinese Consul, with a delegation of merchants, has presented to Gov. Taft a gorgeous fabric called "the Umbrella of Ten Thousand Men." Similar gifts were sometimes made to departing Viceroys under the Spanish régime. The gift is a token of the gratitude of the Chinese colony for Gov. Taft's protection of trade, and especially for his giving the Chinese equality before the law. Heretofore they had been the victims of extortion on the part of their rulers.

The chambers of commerce, the interna tional clubs and provincial delegations are preparing a monster land and water parade in honor of Gov. Taft upon his departure. Representatives of the army and navy will escort Gov. Taft from the palace to the steamer. The shops will voluntarily close on the day he leaves.

Telegrams from Ilocos Norte indicate that the followers of "Bishop" Aglipay are opposing Bishop Dougherty, who has failed to obtain possession of the churches. They have also refused to accept the service of processes issued by a native justice of the peace. Meantime actions for contempt have been taken against the Aglipayar priests in four towns, and the Aglipayan clerics of Paoag are being prosecuted for recently attempting to stone Bishop Dough-

#### CUBA'S THANKS FOR TREATY President Palma and President Roosevelt Exchange Messages.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN HAVANA, Dec. 21.-The telegrams exchanged by Presidents Palma and Roosevelt upon the ratification of the reciprocity treaty were made public to-day. President Palma thanks President Roosevelt in the name of the Cuban people for his successful efforts in behalf of the treaty and says he feels sure that the friendly commercial relations between the two

countries will increase day by day. President Roosevelt replied: "I reciprocate in the name of my fellow citizens the cordial sentiments expressed by you on account of the definite fulfilment of the obligations contracted in connection with commercial reciprocity, the bases of which were assured when the United States sealed with success the noble aspiration of the people of Cuba for independence by aiding he valiant Cubans to crown their long

fight for liberty. "In establishing this beneficial exchange of products the Executive and Legislature of the United States have with pleasure obeyed the express will of the people of the United States to the effect that the good work of friendship and justice be fulfilled completely with mutual advantage for them and the people of Cuba, the peace and well being of which they so sincerely desire."

Copies of the proposed new tariff were distributed in the Senate to-day. Señor Sanguily moved that the matter be discussed to-morrow. He hinted that there was something suspicious in the haste displayed by the Senate to approve the measure. He proposed that President Palma be empowered to make a provisional advance in the tariffs to cover the loss that will follow the operation of the reciprocity reaty. This would give time for a full discussion of the proposed changes. Feel ing is strong over the whole affair.

### FIRED BY CHOIR GIRL'S LAMP. Metuchen Church Burned Despite Young Women's Efforts to Save It.

METUCHEN, N. J., Dec. 21.-St. Francis Church, the only Roman Catholic place of worship here, was burned to the ground this afternoon as the result of the overturning of a lamp by a choir girl. Father Graham, who was lying ill in the priests' house at the side of the church, was carried out before the flames got to his room.

The choir girls, ten or fifteen in number, were in the choir loft rehearsing the music arranged for the Christmas celebration, when one of the girls, Lizzie Geary, overturned a lamp that she was using to light up her music. The oil caught fire, and the whole choir loft was soon in flames.

The girls took off their coats and used them to beat out the flames, but the fire soon got the better of them and they were forced to run downstairs.

The church, which was built largely of wood, was soon burning all over. The local fire department was called out, but was unable to check the fire. The flames soon spread to Father

Graham's house and he was carried to a nearby house. The rectory was threatened with destruction at one time, but the firemen managed to put out the fire there before it got much headway.

The damage is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The church has about five hun-

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PINES, CLAIMED BY PANAMA.

American Warship to Watch Them-Every Effort Will Be Made to Avoid a Clash, but Any Attempt to Reach the Mainland Will Be Checked-Our Naval Force

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The information that Colombian troops had landed on territory of the Panama Republic came to the Government to-day in a telegram from Oscar Malmros, United States Consul at Colon. Naturally the news causes uneasiness, as it is realized that a conflict may be precipitated. Every effort will be made, however, to avoid a clash between the Colombians and the United States marines.

Fortunately for the desire of this Government to avoid bloodshed or anything savoring of hostilities, the Colombians are not on the Isthmian mainland, but on the Isla de Piños, or Isle of Pines. It will therefore be impossible for them to make any march into the interior, or, in fact, to land on the Isthmus itself, without the knowledge of some United States naval vessel in Isthmian waters.

The yacht Mayflower, it is understood, has gone to warn the Colombians to leave the island, which is claimed by the Republic of Panama, not only on account of its geographical proximity to the Isthmus but because it was politically attached to the former Colombian department of Panama, now the Panama Republic. The island is about fifty miles to the west of Cape Tiburon, which marks the northeastern boundary of Colombia and Panama, and is close the Isthmian mainland.

The troops in the Colombian expedition are supposed to be those which left Cartagena, or the mouth of the Atrato River, last week on the Colombian gunboat Cartagena. Their number was reported to be 500, but the Government doubts this, probably because of some definite information as to the strength of the expedition which it is not willing to make known. The troops which were at the mouth of the Atrato apparently numbered 300, according to the report of Commander Turner of the cruiser Atlanta, who located them there. They were under Gen. Ortiz, the acting Commander-in-Chief of the Colombian Army, in the absence in Washington of Gen. Reyes. It is supposed that the force on the Isle of Pines is composed of all or part of Gen. Ortiz's immediate command. Government officers do not appear to be concerned over the incident, and as far

as can be ascertained have taken no new steps to meet any hostile emergency. The present naval and marine force on the Caribbean side of the Isthmus is regarded as sufficient to cope with any emergency. There is no doubt, however, that some of the Administration authorities are becoming impressed with the idea that Colombia is seeking to force a clash with the Americans, probably in the hope of creating feeling in this country against President Roosevelt's Panama policy.

The Government will go to extremes to preserve peace, and specific instructions to avoid anything that might savor of aggressive action have been sent by Secretary of the Navy Moody to Rear Admirals Glass and Coghlan. Should the Colombians on the Isle of Pines decline to take warning from any American naval officer that they must leave Panama territory, force will They will be virtually blockaded, and should they sail away they will be accompanied by one or more American naval vessels, which will prevent them, if possible, without firing a shot, from disembarking on the Isthmian mainland.

Movements of a number of naval vessels to the Isthmus reported to the Navy De-partment to-day have no new significance. All the movements were ordered previously and announced at the time. The armored cruiser New York, which left Bremerton Wash., on Saturday for San Francisco, on her way to Panama, is the regular flagship of Rear Admiral Glass, and he will shift his flag to her when she reaches the Isthmus. The gunboat Bennington left Bremerton yesterday for Panama, by way of San Francisco. The destroyers Preble and Paul Jones have gone from San Francisco to Mare Island to await the arrival of Lieut. G. C. Davison, who will command the Paul Jones, and will then depart for Panama. The gunboat Petrel has sailed for Panama by way of Acapulco, Mexico. The gunboat Castine sailed from Key West yesterday for Calcar.

When these vessels and the cruiser Olympia, now steaming for Colon, reach their destination, there will be fifteen ships of war in Isthmian waters, seven on the and eight on the Panama side. igures do not include colliers and supply

#### ROCKEFELLER AS SANTA CLAUS. Pays Off Mortgage on the Farm of Boyhood Friend.

SIOUX CITY, Mo., Dec. 21 .- An unexpected Christmas gift from John D. Rockefeller has made Charles Austin a happy man, for it will wipe out a mortgage he has struggled for some years to pay. Mr. Austin has a seven acre melon farm on Walker's Island in the Missouri River, a few miles from here. He has not been prosperous, and in spite of assistance by his sons, he was unable to avoid the im-

pending loss of his property. When a boy he was a close friend of Mr. Rockefeller, and the two have since corresponded with some regularity. Mr. Rockefeller learned of the mortgage, and, ascertaining the amount, surprised Mr. Austin with a check that will end his financial troubles.

#### JERSEY SENATE PLUMS FALL. Wakelee of Bergen to Be President and Cross of Union Leader.

TRENTON, Dec. 21 .- At a caucus of the Republican Senators held here to-night a slate of officers for the coming session of the Legislature was agreed upon. Senator Edmund W. Wakelee of Bergen county was selected for President, which officer was selected for resident, which officers succeeds to the Governorship in case of a vacancy. Senator Cross of Union county was agreed upon for leader on the floor, and Senators Bradley of Camden. Bacheller of Essex and Brown of Ocean were named as a steering committee to choose the minor

as a steering committee to choose the minor officers.

These officers were agreed upon: Secretary, Walter E. Edge: assistant secretary, Howard L. Tyler, Cumberland; supervisor of bills, Isaac R. Pierson, Morris; assistant supervisor, James Gillen, Monmouth; journal clerk, Merchant Meeker, Union; assistant journal clerk, J. Horace Sprague, Ocean; calendar clerk, Robert E. Bustard, Passaic; bill clerk, David A. McIntyre Essay: assistant bill clerk, Joshua Bustard, Passaic; bill clerk, David A. McIntyre, Essex; assistant bill clerk, Joshua D. Watson, Camden; sergeant-at-arms, T. Hart Cunningham, Mercer; assistant sergeant-at-arms, George E. Mount, Burlington. The clerk to the Committee on Printed Bills was assigned to Middlesex

#### INSTRUCTED FOR PANAMA. onisiana Legislature Unanimously Call on Its Senators to Favor Treaty.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.-The Louisiana Legislature, meeting in extra session, to-day unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the two Senators from Louisiana, S. D. McEnery and M. J. Foster, to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty with the Republic of Panama providing for the building, operating and maintaining of an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama "whenever said treaty

be submitted to the United States Senate. Gov. Heard was instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Senators before the meeting of the Senate on Jan. 4. Senator Thorpe, who introduced the resolution, was the only speaker. He called attention to the fact that a Democratic Senators' caucus was to be called at Washngton by which the Louisiana Senators might be bound unless the State Legislature passed this joint resolution. Its adoption, he said, would strengthen the hands of the Louisiana Senators, who approved of Southern Senators.

Both houses, which adopted the resolution unanimously, are composed exclusively of Democrats. The Legislature adjourned at noon to-day. The only other business done in its short extra session of ten days was the creation of a boll weevil com- again. mission.

#### TEN KILLED IN "METEOR" WRECK. Fast Train Runs Into an Open Switch Near-Fort Scott.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 21.-The Meteor, the fast Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas City train upon the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, which left Fort Worth yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, was wrecked around him that leaves no doubt in the at Godfrey, fifteen miles south of here, at 4 o'clock this morning. The train ran into an open switch, and all the coaches except the sleeper were derailed and turned over. Ten persons were killed and nearly every person on the train was injured. Several

are in a critical condition. The dead are: John Bell, Kansas City; John B. Luebacker, Kansas City; George Hoyt, conductor, Sapulpa, I. T.; B. A. Dewees, engineer, Fort Scott, Kan.; Theodore Bishard, fireman, Fort Scott, Kan.; James H. Twyman, Fleming, Kan.; Asa Moreland, Leneza, Kan.; Lon Corbin, Bessie, Oklahoma; Joseph Corbin, Bessie, Oklahoma, and one unidentified man, whose body was thrown sixty feet into a

#### STOLE DEAD WOMAN'S JEWELRY. Burgiar Loots a Harlem Shoe Man's Safe-Negro Porter Arrested.

A burglar got into the shoe store of H. A Smith at 262 West 125th street yesterday morning, broke open a safe and stole \$100 in cash and \$400 worth of jewelry. Mr. Smith's wife died last week, and last Saturday he put the jewelry she left into

the safe. The burglar smashed the combination of the safe with a chisel and sledge hammer, and apparently had little trouble in getting it open.

Detective Hawthorn of the West 125th street station arrested Walter Hinton, the negro porter, who showed fight. He broke not be used to compel them to depart. away and ran out of the store through 125th detective caught him. He was arraigned

#### in the Harlem court and held for examination to-morrow afternoon. ANSWERED THE PREACHER.

Y. M. C. A. Man Arose in Church and Told Mr. Anderson He Was Narrow. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.-While the Rev. M. S. Anderson, pastor of the People's Church of Christ in New Britain, was criticising the Y. M. C. A. last evening because the members of that association had planned to give a theatrical entertainment, one of the members of the congregation arose in the church and told Mr. Anderson that he was altogether too narrow minded. Another man, who said he was a member of the Y. M. C. A., indorsed the pastor, and declared that he would rather find his children in a saloon than in the rooms of

the local association. The discussion was ended by the pastor dismissing the congregation.

#### TO ENTERTAIN SPANIARDS. Receptions for the Officers of the Cruiser Rio de la Plata in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 21.-The trip of the Spanish cruiser Rio de la Plata, which arrived here yesterday to attend the Louisiana Centennial, cost the Spanish Government \$60,000, provision for which was made by a special appropriation of the Spanish Cortez after a bitter debate. The Rio de la Plata's voyage covered 6,000 miles from Carthagena, only two stops being made for coal. She encountered rough weather as she approached the Gulf of Mexico, and from there to the mouth of the Mississippi a succession of storms. The trip took thirty-one days, in spite of the fact that it was made under a full

pressure of steam.

The officers of the Rio de la Plata called upon Mayor Capdevielle and Commandant Merrill of the United States Naval Station to-day. Receptions in their honor have been tendered by Archbishop Chapelle, the Louisiana Historical Society, the Spanish residents of New Orleans and the State and city officials. The cruiser was pres to Spain by the Spanish citizens o gentina, during the war with the United States. She was built at Havre, France, in 1887-99 and formally tendered to Spain by the Argentines in 1900.

#### POLICEMAN RINGLER SHOT. Wife Says He Was Looking for Burgiars in His Home.

Policeman Frederick Ringler of the Grand Central Station was shot last night at his home, 864 Trinity avenue, in The Bronx. His wife told two stories of the

shooting.

She first reported him sick to Capt. Burns of the Morrisania station, and then said he had accidentally shot himself while looking for burglars in the basement of the He will probably recover. Niagara Falls & Return, \$9.00.

Lehigh Valley R. R., Dec. 24th. T.ckets at 355-31 B'way and ferries 28d, Cortd. & Desb. Sts.

Christmas tree and house decoration made easy, where current is available, by electric lighting outfit with colored lamps. Said by department stores and electrical desiers, or by General Electric Co., 44 Broad St.—Adv.

Deerfoot Farm Sausages. Made of the tender meat of dairy fed, fat, young porkers, daintily seasoned with selected spices. Try a two-pound package. Beware of imitations.—Adr.

# SWIFT ARREST IN RIPPER CASE

MAN IS TOTTERMAN, ALIAS NIL-SON-A MASS OF EVIDENCE.

Finnish Sailor Prisoner Identified by the Clerks Who Sold Him His Shoes and His Sweater and by the Hotel People Who Saw Him With the Murdered Woman.-His Name and Last Address Actually Left in the Room Where the Murder Was Done-Alibi Soon Shipwrecked-Prisoner Says He Int the Murderer, but Knows Him.

Detective Sergeants Cronin and Henessy, meshes in the dragnet spread over the city for the capture of the "Ripper" who murdered Sarah Martin at 11 James slip on Sunday, picked up in South street at noon yesterday a sailor with little "wicked" eyes, a blue sweater and new shoes, who, they felt sure, answered the description of the murderer.

The man protested, but they hurried him to the Old slip station, and Detective Cronin called up Inspector McClusky at Headquarters. While Cronin was talking t, and it might have influence with other to the inspector; Detective Sergeant McCafferty, who, with Detective Sergeant Chandler, had been sent to Bridgeport to look up clues left in the hotel by the companion of the Martin woman, called up the Central Office from Bridgeport.

"Wait," said McClusky to Cronin, Then he talked with McCafferty and got Cronin

The man we want," he said to Coonin, is Carl Nilson, alias Emil Totterman, who was discharged from the schooner Fred B. Balano at Bridgeport on Saturday." "That's the man we've got," returned Cronin. \*Totterman's his name.

"Bring him up," said McClusky. The prisoner was landed in the Detective Bureau, and within a few hours a chain of circumstantial evidence had been spread minds of the police and Assistant District Attorney Garvan that they have the right man. The movements of the man since he left the ship have been traced and his ready alibi has been upset. Furthermore, he was identified as the man who went into the hotel with the woman, and he has also been identified as the man who purchased the new shoes and the blue sweater in Bridgeport on Saturday. The wrappers of these goods and the purchase tickets, which were left in the room where the murder was done, were his undoing.

So, within twenty-four hours Inspector McClusky made good a statement of his famed predecessor, Inspector Byrnes, which Byrnes didn't make good himself, that a criminal of the Jack the Ripper type would be caught by the New York police inside of two days. The murderer of "Shakespeare," however, did not leave his name and last

address behind him, as Totterman did. BLOODY JACKENIFE IN HIS POCKET. The prisoner, a stoop-shouldered man with light hair, high cheek bones and acornalik, drooping mustache, is about 33 years old, and says he is a Finn. He has been following the see since he was 11 years old, and but little else is known of his story.

In his pocket was found a jackknife with two blades, and the larger blade, which was about two and a half inches long, was streaked with what seemed to be blood. On his trousers was a bloodstain, and the prisoner could not explain where the blood came from. His new shoes bore the stamp of Meigs & Co. of Bridgeport. There was nothing to indicate where the blue sweater had been bought. Totterman said that he had bought the shoes and sweater in Portland, Me., about a month ago, when the with light hair, high cheek bones and acorn-

Bridgeport. Totterman then told of leaving Bridgeport on Saturday, and this is his story as he told it to Assistant District Attorney Garvan and Inspector McClusky: PRISONER SAYS HE KNOWS THE MURDERER PRISONER SAYS HE KNOWS THE MURDERER.

"I didn't kill the woman, but I know who did. I came from Bridgeport with a sailor named Fred or Ted or something like that. I got here about 9:30 o'clock on Saturday night and I expected to see a friend. On the way down here it got cold and I put on the sweater. I didn't see my friend and I went over to Williamsburg and saw the fireworks. I returned from Brooklyn about 10:30 o'clock and went to 24 Coenties slip, where I tried to get lodging. The place was closed and I met a policeman. He ra ped on the door with his stick, but he couldn't get any one up. Then the policeman told me to go to the South Ferry Hotel at 10 South street. I stayed there

land, Me., about a month ago, when the Balano touched at that port. He denied positively that he had bought them in

policeman told me to go to the South Ferry Hotel at 10 South street. I stayed there all that night and on Sunday night. "My right name is Emil Totterman, but I sometimes go under the name of Carl Nilson. That was my nother's name, so I use it sometimes because it is shorter." Totterman didn't ir bress Inspector McClusky or Mr. Garvan as being insane. Mr. Garvan said that he was a bright, clever chap and that he spoke English well. Ef-forts to get him to confess were fruitless.

Totterman, in a vague way, said that the man who committed the murder had gone to Boston yesterday. IDENTIFIED BY HOTEL PEOPLE. Central Office detectives at once started central Office detectives at once started out to pile up evidence against the prisoner. James Kelly, the man who runs the hotel where the Martin woman was murdered; his wife and Mrs. Jennie Starr, the house-keeper of the hotel, all of whom had been kept over night in the House of Detention, were housely to Police Headquarters. were brought to Police Headquarters. They all said that the prisoner was the man who went into the hotel with Sarah Martin on Saturday night.

POLICEMAN UPSETS THE ALIBI. A score of sleuths went out to run down the tale told by the prisoner of how he tried to get lodging in South street between 10:30 o'clock and midnight on Saturday

night. The man who went to a room with Sarah Martin went to the hotel in James slip about 10:30 o'clock and they were both seen around the hotel as late as midnight. seen around the note as late as midninght.

Inspector McClusky sent to the Old slip
station and had every man on the outgoing
and incoming platoons asked if he had
talked with a man on South street about
getting a lodging. Policeman Frederick
Durr, who was in reserve on Saturday
sight and went on rost at midnight said night and went on post at midnight, said that he had met a man between 2:30 and 3 o'clock who was looking for a lodging. Durr took this man to 24 Coenties allp, Durr took this man to 24 Coenties allp, where he couldn't wake anybody up, and then sent him to the South Ferry Hotel. Durr was brought to Police Headquarters and he identified the prisoner as the man who had been seeking lodging on Sunday morning long after the hours Totterman had given in his alibi.

TOTTERMAN TRACED BACK TO HIS SHIP In the meat time Detective Sergeant McCafferty had been bringing to light new evidence in Bridgeport. Beside the name of Meigs & Co. on the vrapper of the shoe box left by the murd ver in his hotel room was the name "Fred B. Beleno" written in its Underneath that was another name scrawled in pencil. When another name scrawled in pencil. When McCafferty started for Bridgeport on Sunday night he hadn't succeeded in making that name out, the writing was so illegible.

But he soon found that "Fred B. Beleno" But he soon found that 'Fred B. Delendon the package meant the schooner Fred B. Balano, which was in port there He had a talk with Capt Sawyer, who said that one of his sailors, who had been discharged on Saturday, had shipped as Carl Nilson—the name under which the mudger of the James slip hoth—but registered at the James slip